# Work Will Start Soon On Library For Hyte Center

Work is scheduled to begin within 10 days at the site of the new Charles T. Hyte Community Center Library in the 1000 block on South Fourteenth

James Bertram, roadmaster of the Milwaukee Railroad, said a work crew will begin preparing a roadbed for the librate which will be a railroad passenger car to be converted into the Hyte community.

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Bertram and his crew will
subgrade the area, lay ties am
rails and cover the area wit
gravel. Ninety feet of rail will
be laid for the car.

The car was donated to the community last year through the efforts of the Terre Haute Chamber of Commerce and the Vigo County Public Library.

Volunteers have been working closely with Dr. Andre D. Hammonds, president of the Hyte Center board of directors, and local architect Rene C. Aybar.

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A two-member staff, Creola Edinburgh, 1125 S. 12th St., and Deborah Grisson, 1500 College Ave., has been named for the library. They will work at the library after receiving training for the job from members of the Vigo Library staff.

The two were recommended for their positions by Gerald Stitt, director of the Neighborhood Youth Corps. They will continue as enrollees of the Youth Corps during the remainder of the year and will be added to the staff of the county library in 1970 if they meet the requirements.

Acording to Edward N. Howard, director of the county library, volunteers are presently seeking equipment for the library. Items needed include record players, record browsing bens, a metal office-type desk, 8 mm and 16 mm motion picture projectors, a slide projector, projection screen and typewriters.

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### TH Usimics + 11+/49 Workmen Lay Track For New Hyte Library

A maintenance of way crew for the Milwaukee Railroad began laying 90 feet of railroad track Thursday near the Hyte

Community Center, 13½ and Deming streets, for the new Hyte Center library project.

Jim Bertram, roadmaster, and Fred Priester, division sales manager, and 25 workmen began leaving the track that will gan laying the track that will eventually hold an 80-ton rail-road coach, which will become a library for persons living in the Hyte Center area.

Priester said the railroad car is at the Penn Central yards at Indianapolis and will soon be move dto Terre Haute by a local trucking company.
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Seeks Advisers

Applications for membership on the Young People's Advisory Committee to the Railroad Car Library now are being accepted.

Eligibility requirements are 15 to 20 years old and a resident in the area bounded by Ninth and Seventeenth streets and Poplar street and the Lockport Road.

Persons will be chosen to represent all interest groups, various educational levels and those out of school, and both sexes.

Applications will be accepted until March 7. First meeting of the Advisory Committee will be soon thereafter.

Persons interested in serving on the committee may contact S. T. Proffitt, principal of Wiley High School; Mrs. Ozonator at Hyte Community Center, or Edward N. Howard, director of the Vigo County Public Library, at the Emeline Fairbanks Memorial Library.

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Hyte Library Group Selects Officers 19169

Officers of the Young People's Advisory Committee to the Rail-Advisory Committee to the Rall-road Car Library were elected during the committee's first meeting Wednesday night at Hyte Community Center. Phinus "Jeffrey" Cork was elected president. Other offi-cers are: Booker T. Washing, ton, vice president; Carol Jen-kins. secretary: Hiawatha Mills,

kins, secretary: Hiawatha Mills, treasurer, and Sylvester Wilson, sergeant - at - arms.

A committee, headed by Frank Reeves, was named draft bylaws for the YPAC.

Next meeting of the group will be at 6 p.m., March 26, at the Hyte Community Center.

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WEATT MEMORIAL-A check for \$43.85 from the Sarah Scott Junior High School student body for the Railroad Car Library to be located near the Hyte Community Center, was presented to the Young People's Advisory Committee for the library in memory of Theodore "Ted" Sweatt. From left to right are: Debbie Abernathy and Teresa Graves, Sarah Scott pupils, and Hiawatha Mills, treasurer, and Jeff Cork, president, YPAC. (Photo by Kadel)

for the Railroad Car Library materials selections for the was received Wednesday in the form of a check for \$43.85 from the student body of Sarah Scotti Junior High School.

The money is to be used for purchase of library materials for the library being established in the Hyte Community Center area. The materials are to be on sports and athletics, with emphasis on basketball and track, in the memory of Theodore "Ted" Sweatt, former Sarah Scott pupil and athlete, who was killed in action in Vietnam.

Two ninth-graders at Sarahi Scott. Debbie Abernathy and Teresa Graves, presented the check. It was received by Phinus "Jeffrey" Cork, president, and Hiawatha Mills, treasurer, of the Young People's Advisory Committee for the Railroad Car Library.

Presentation was made at the

regular meeting of the YPAC Wednesday evening.

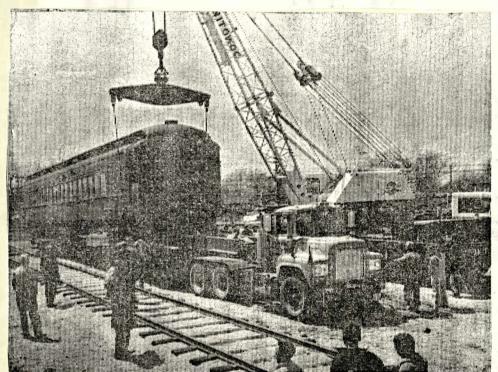
The YPAC serves in an advisory capacity to Edward N. Howard, director of the Vigo County Public Library, on matters relating to the operation, First donation for materials maintenance, programming and Railroad Car Library.



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# Hyte Center's Railroad Car Library

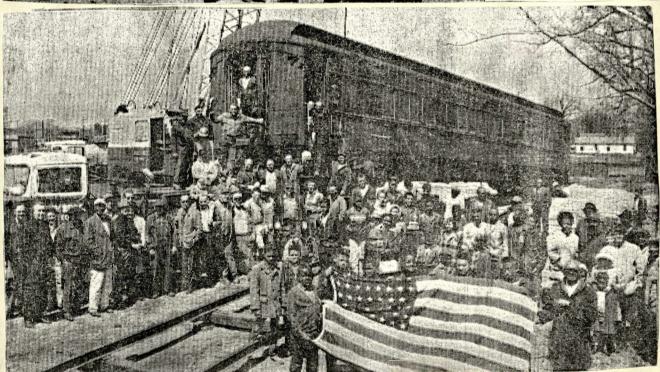
# Moved to Its Permanent Site



ON THE LEFT—The railroad car is moved to its new location on a pair of low-boy trailers, while a crane steadies it for the short overland trip. The crane was used when the car began to sway as the two tractor-trailers moved away from the Central and Eastern Illinois Railroad tracks (background). After the crane was brought in for its dual role, the crews had little trouble in moving the car to the new location (foreground) 200 feet away.

ON THE RIGHT—After two of the cars wheels were placed on the permanent track in the Hyte Community Center, the volunteer crews and curious onlookers broke into an impromptu celebration. It took just a little more than 30 minutes for the men to lower the car onto the tracks, and as soon as they had, the people began walking through car No. 1653 as it made its last stop.

Martin Photos



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# Hyte Center Railroad Car Initiates Library Week

By CARL BENDER Tribune Staff Writer

addition of a new branch of the car. Vigo County Library just north Topple it did not, however, the angle of car to tracks alof College Avenue on South 14th and the crane which had lifted lowed only two wheels to rest

branch is awaiting conversion trailers.

to a place of study from a bit of lore disappearing from the nacrane operator and helpers better the tracks. tional scene - an old railroad gan to lower the car onto its passenger car.

Almost half a year to the day 14th Street. of its inception, the railroad car was put into place to serve the youth of the Hyte Community Center area on the city's south-

It was no easy task, what with trying to move an 80-ton commuter car from a Central and Eastern Illinois Railroad siding onto a permanent base 200 feet

After all, commuter cars were built to ride strips of steel, not get shoved across the soft earth.

Men from Haley Bros. Construction Corp. and Dennis Trucking Co. worked side by side to lift the huge car first one end, then the other-from the rails and onto low-boy trailers for the short overland haul.

When it looked as though the whole show would be as easy as taking a walk, the car almost ended in the same shape as the walls of Jerico.

The car began to sway just a 1653 moved onto the tracks. But little, but the chorus of gasps problems developed. heard from the many spectators National Library Week moved made one feel as though the end cars and their trucks (wheel asinto the city Saturday with the had come for the 44-year-old semblies) are held together for

the car from the tracks was on the rails. Books aren't lining any of the used to help steady it on its last

Unlike freight cars, commuter better safety. Unable to pivot,

Moving to the other end, the shelves just yet, however, as the ride on two low-boy tractor-crane lifted nearly 40 tons of steel and glass from the low-The perilous ride over, the boy trailer and moved it over

To simply lower the car onto special roadbed along South the tracks would have been too Lowered inches at a time, car had donated their time for the easy. The workers-all of whom project-didn't want the drama to end quite so soon. The sidewalk superintendents were getting a little too complacent.

> The truck on the south end was not quite as stable as the one on the other when it came time to lift the car onto the low-boy, so it had to be chained: the chain allowed only two more wheels to drop into place on the tracks.

> But 30 minutes after the first two wheels were on the rails at the permanent site, youngsters from the Hyte area and civic officials climbed aboard to welcome the old car to its new

> Union members, including car repairmen, steel workers and others from the Central Labor Council, have helped with a good portion of the work so far, and the Painters' Union Local 197 will begin its work now that the car is on permanent ground. The union workers are donating their labor.

The statement of an elderly man was contradicted by the cooperation of the men who donated time and talent to provide an educational opportunity for youth.

Before the move began, he simply stated: "That won't work at all."

It did, and now a new era opens for the young people of Hyte Center, who yearn for knowledge like all others,

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## RAILROAD CAR LIBRARY

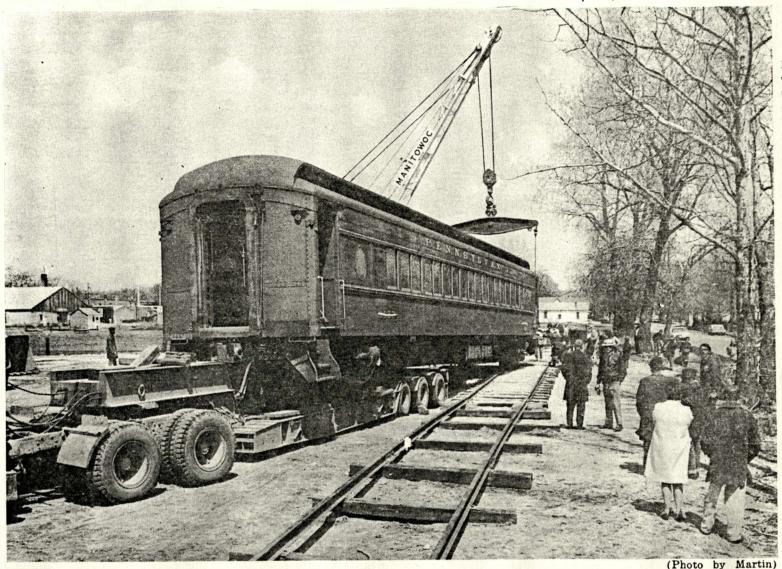
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THE SATURDAY SPECTATOR

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THI Libraries



An old railroad car moved into its final stop recently on South 14th St.

When it is renovated and refurbished, it will become what is probably the first Young People's Railroad Car Library in the country.

Working to move the 80-ton commuter car were men from Haley Brothers Construction Corporation and Dennis Trucking Company. In addition, the move had involved help, too, from the Milwaukee Railroad and the Chicago and Eastern Illinois Railroad, the Bait King Bait and Tackle Shop, the Eat-A-Teria, the City Police Traffic Patrol, and four local labor unions.

John Haley and Richard and John Dennis loaned cranes and tractor-trailer equipment from their companies to lift the car and move it from the C&EI siding overland to the permanent base just north of College Avenue on South 14th Street.

A special roadbed had been built at this site by the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railroad Co. as the permanent site for the Railroad Car Library. Guy Chamberlain is Assistant Superintendent and Fred Priester, Assistant District Manager for Sales for the Milwaukee Railroad.

Padlocks and hasps for temporary securing of the car were furnished by the Bait King Shop through the efforts of Louis Storms, locksmith. The Saturday morning volunteer workers were provided coffee by the Eat-A-Teria, and the special traffic control was furnished for the move by the City Police Traffic Control.

Rigging and handling of the move were supplied by Structural Iron Workers Local No. 439. Gene Chambers is president of this local. International Union of Operating Engineers Local No. 841 operated the equipment for the lifting and transferring of the car. Joe Pirtle is president and Gilbert Bosworth, Business Agent, of the local.

Temporary extension track needed for the move was laid by Common Laborers Local No. 204. Jerry Lee is president and Virgil Morris, business agent of local 204. Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehousemen and Helpers Local No. 144 drove the two low-boy rigs used in transporting the car. George Hanks is president of Local 144.

No tax money — only total community cooperation and effort—has been spent on the project thus far, and this will be true of the actual conversion of the car to a Young People's Library.

Car 1653, obtained, moved and installed in its Hyte Community site by local citizens working together, is now in the final stage of its transformation to a new kind of public service, according to Edward Howard, Vigo County in the Library director, and Lew Taylor, Chamber of Commerce executive vice-president, co-coordinators of the community project.

# Library Board Plans Removal Of Car At Hyte

The railroad car that was to be used as a library should be moved as quickly as possible from its location at the Hyte Community Center but not at taxpayers' expense.

This is the text of a resolution passed Monday night by the Vigo County Library Board, with three of the four members present voting for it. Dr. William Kessel, president, cast the only vote against the resolution.

Dr. lverson C. Bell proposed the resolution after the library director, Edward N. Howard, had reported the donor wanted it removed from the county if it is not to be used as a library. Howard had proposed the board appropriate \$1,999 to cover the removal.

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Dr. Bell suggested that Howard investigate private means
of financing the removal.

The car will be given to the Indiana Museum of Transport and Communications, which opened last August in Forest Park, Noblesville. Exhibited there are interurban cars, wood passenger cars, wooden box cars, two electric locomotives, a steam engine, an old railroad way station and recently the Indianapolis Traction Terminal train shed was re-erected there.

The museum is under the direction of a non-profit corporation and financed through donations and community fund-raiging projects backed by the Noblesville Chamber of Commerce.

Howard reported on a study of a separate board for the library and discussed the various advantages of an elected board and an appointed board. Any board should be representative of the various facets of the community, he said. An appointed board by library law would have two members named by the school board, two by the county commissioners and three by the circuit judge. Members could not be recalled and could serve four terms of four years.

Howard recomended the board not be changed at this time to an appointed board. The matter he said also had been considered in 1952-53.

Mrs. Charlote Caldwell moved that the director's report be accepted with gratitude. All members voted for it but Peter Farmer, who had earlier requested the study.

The board has had a reappraisal of the Wiley High School site and will meet informally with the Board of Aviation Commissioners to discuss the matter. The aviation commissioners

had proposed a \$389,000 asking price.

A new Library Staff Manual was discussed by the director with the board, he pointing out changes in it from the former one.

A report on security for Emeline Fairbanks Memorial Library, resulting from a breakin at the library April 19, was given by Mrs. Betty Martin, administrative assistant.

Certificates of honor were presented by the board to three retiring staff members: Mrs. Louis L. Campbell, head of technical services; Miss Frances L. Smith, children's librarian, and Mrs. Anna R. Silliman, cataloger.

Mrs. Jane Cover will be transfered from bookmobile librarian to children's librarian, effective July 1. Mrs. Carol Garrigus was employed as bookmobile librarian, effective June 16, and Mrs. Betty Wallace as circulation clerk, efective May 19. Resignation of Miss Sharon McConnell as page was accepted.

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Terre Haute:

#### No One Has Asked

An old railroad passenger coach as a public library? A "library board" for this Railroad Car Library composed wholly of young people who will set the hours, make the rules, and select materials? Neighborhood Youth Corps enrollees in lieu of librarians? Every piece of material borrowable with no due dates and no fines? A multithousand-dollar project made possible through the voluntary, cooperative efforts of individuals, organizations, companies, and labor unions with only limited use of tax funds?

These are a few of the features of the Railroad Car Library, a unique library-service outlet custom-designed to meet the needs of the young adults in a ghetto area.

The problems and characteristics of the ghettos of Terre Haute, Indiana, are the same as those in other cities, differing only in degree. The Hyte community, where the car is being located, is defined in comprehensive plans and other public documents as eight blocks wide and fourteen blocks long with a population that is sixty-seven percent white and thirty-three percent black.

Public attitudes, however, do not coincide with public statements. To the citizens of Terre Haute, both the white and the black, the Hyte community is a run-down section of the city about four blocks wide and perhaps fourteen blocks long, an area of approximately fifty-six square blocks, and, of course, exclusively black.

In recent years the United Fund has provided for the support of a small, concrete-block building known as the Charles T. Hyte Community Center. The center housed a deposit collection of public library books, along with a juke box, folding metal chairs, old tables of assorted sizes, a few games and craft materials, and some questionable sewing machines used in OEO adult classes. The library books were rarely used, sharing as they did equal billing with the castoffs of many a middle-class attic.

Edward N. Howard
Director
Vigo County Public Library

The attention of the entire city was drawn to the Hyte area last year as a result of some rather amazing self-help clean-up and fix-up campaigns sparked by residents in the Hyte area, assisted by Jaycees, student groups from Indiana State University, and other civic-minded individuals and organizations.

The Vigo County Public Library Board wanted to provide service to the area, but what kind, and how? The median education of the black adult in Terre Haute is 8.7 years, according to the 1960 census, and less than twenty percent finished high school. The cost of any form of meaningful library service to the adults would be prohibitively high. Moreover, the Vigo County Public Library is information-oriented and recognizes that it is "educational" only in the informal sense. Tutoring, adult basic education, and how-to-do-it courses are seen as more appropriately the function of other tax-supported units, private agencies, or voluntary groups.

In the intellectual search for the library's "public" in the Hyte area, thinking focused on the young adults, those young people who are tomorrow's parents.

A project was conceived with this overall purpose: to make available to the young people of the Hyte community a collection of library materials in a variety of forms and on a wide range of subjects which will meet their immediate needs and interests. Specifically, to:

- 1. Provide an easily accessible library facility which will attract the young people.
- 2. Serve the informational needs of the young people by maintaining a collection of library materials acceptable to their age and to the times.
- 3. Encourage maximum use of the library materials by lending for home use on signature only and without such conventional barriers as due dates and fines.
  - 4. Demonstrate the interest and concern of

individuals and organizations in the welfare of the young people.

5. Determine the feasibility of small libraryservice outlets staffed by non-professionals as a practical means of extending service to outlying areas or to special publics.

#### The RR Coach

Through the efforts of Lewis W. Taylor, executive vice president of the Terre Haute Chamber of Commerce, a railroad passenger coach was obtained from an anonymous donor. Within a few months more than thirty individuals, labor unions, companies, and agencies had joined forces to ensure that the project would be completed.

Participation is in the form of labor and materials. A "network of events" chart illustrates the extent of involvement, and by continual up-

dating provides a progress report for all the participants and an interested community.

A recent study of urban blight by the senior civil engineering class at Rose Polytechnic Institute was done in the Hyte area. A critical examination of the housing, commerce, and sociological aspects of this underdeveloped neighborhood included interviews with many civic leaders. The Rev. David Frye, whose remarks dealt primarily with the special problems of children and youth, pointed out the single most important reason that many of the carefully planned and frequently expensive projects fail: "No one has asked what the people in the community want."

If this project were to be successful, it was apparent that some fail-safe means of "asking them what they want" would have to be developed. What would happen if a group of young people living in that area were given a measure of



The first spike is driven for the 90-foot-long track for the railroad car library by two Milwaukee Railroad officials, Fred Priester (left), assistant district manager for sales, and James H. Bertram, roadmaster. Looking on are Emma Shauntee (left), a member of the Hyte Center board, and Addie Nelson, an outreach worker with the Community Action Program.



Young People's Advisory Committee to the Railroad Car Library. From the left, seated: Bonita Cooper; Marsha Davis; Frank Reeves, chairman of the by-laws committee; Phinus "Jeffrey" Cork, president; Vincent Graves; (Edward Howard, city library director; and John Etling, president of the Vigo-Clay-Sullivan Central Labor Council). Standing, from the left: Eve Smith; Deborah Rogers; Gwendolyn Mason; Shirley Butler; Booker T. Washington, vice president; Robert Fields; Hiawatha Mills, treasurer; Lillian Edinburgh; Carol Jenkins, secretary; Claude Spencer; Jusper Lewis; and Sylvester Wilson, sergeant at arms.

power? Who would know better than they themselves what was wanted, what would really be used? The decision was made to form a young people's advisory group which would be intimately involved in the total operation of the Railroad Car Library.

Applications for membership on the Young People's Advisory Committee (YPAC) were invited. The eligibility requirements were fifteen to twenty years of age and a residency in the 112-square-block area which included both whites and blacks. Fifteen persons were to be chosen to represent all interest groups, various educational levels, both the in-school and the out-of-school, and both sexes. The announcement was made in the three local newspapers, on radio and television, in the daily bulletin of the high school that served the Hyte area, and by word-of-mouth through the Hyte Community Center.

Twenty young people responded. Rather than deny any of them the opportunity to serve, the original limitation on size was lifted. The Young People's Advisory Committee was organized with twenty blacks whose ages are fifteen

through eighteen and who are all in school. The high number of young men who volunteered was unexpected: eleven are on the committee.

An expression of the prevailing attitude in the Hyte community toward the Railroad Car Library was voiced by Andre Hammonds, a university sociologist who is currently president of the Hyte Community Center Board. He described it as "a beautiful experiment where neighborhood youngsters can do their own thing. They won't have to be quiet if they don't want to: they can make all the noise they want."

The first meeting of the YPAC was noisy and confused, with no one, including the director of the library, knowing exactly what was expected of whom. The exuberance of the young people, their limited tolerance of extended discussion, and their impatience to get on with practical matters contrasted sharply, and rather refreshingly, with the conduct of the usual civic or professional meeting.

The library director served as temporary chairman until officers were elected: president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer. These were

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all that the director had considered, but the young people had another one in mind—a sergeant at arms to "keep order," as they put it.

One of several surprises was the person the committee chose as president, a high school boy seventeen years of age, rather small and quiet. But it turned out that he is a natural leader, very sharp, and one who commands the respect of the group. The members of the committee knew this; it was only the director who did not. The conduct of subsequent meetings and the quality of the YPAC decisions have convinced the library director that this group will "run the library" far better than he or any other outsider, or even inside oldster, ever could.

Skepticism is evident among the members that the YPAC is not really a decision-making body. Considerable probing and testing took place in early meetings. One young man asked what would happen if they selected *Playboy* as one of the magazine titles (all of the magazines are being donated by the Popular Subscription Service). When he was assured that YPAC could certainly do so, but that it might be wiser to choose only those which patrons would really read, the conversation turned to *Life*, *Ebony*, and others that were apparently much more in the real interests of the group.

#### Outreach: Library Taxi Service

The Toledo Public Library has begun a two-month experiment in taxiing patrons to and from the Main Library. The library has chartered two buses which will run approximately 25 to 30 minutes apart on a circuit through the residential areas within a radius of about two miles from the Main Library, and stopping anywhere hailed to carry riders free. In addition to the stop at the Main Library, the buses will pause at three other branches.

The circuit will allow people to catch a subsequent bus and ride back to their original boarding point.

A staff or volunteer representative of the library will be aboard most of the time to talk with readers and give information.

-T.P.L. News, March 17, 1969

Another asked if everything they chose for the Railroad Car Library had to be "educational." The answer that all materials—printed, tape, or disc—are educational regardless of the style, subject, or format seemed to them so logical that no further discussion ensued.

Several matters were pointed out to be their responsibility and theirs alone: books that failed to make their way back after a reasonable period of time. Discipline on the car and protection of the property. Record playing on the car (loudspeaker? how loud? earphones?). Whether to have easy readers and picture books.

Some guidelines were needed to give the YPAC a sense of direction, so the following was presented to the YPAC at its second meeting:

# YOUNG PEOPLE'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE to the RAILROAD CAR LIBRARY

Purpose. The YPAC serves the Director of the Vigo County Public Library in matters relating to the operation, maintenance, programming, and materials selection for the Railroad Car Library.

Organization. The YPAC is a formal organization of young people between the ages of 15 and 20 who reside in the area from 9th to 17th Streets and Popular to Lockport Road. The YPAC organization requires bylaws, elected officers, and recorded minutes.

Finances. Donations of money may be received by the YPAC; however, expenditure of gift funds and acceptance of material gifts, such as books and equipment, are subject to approval by the Director of the Vigo County Public Library. Clerical assistance will be provided the YPAC by the NYC staff of the Railroad Car Library.

Function. The following are suggested specific items for action by the YPAC:

- 1. Determine the most desirable hours of operation.
- 2. Interpret the goals and objectives of the Railroad Car Library to the community.
- Select recordings and magazines in accordance with the terms set by the donors of these materials.

- 4. Recommend other library needs, e.g. easy readers, subject areas, or types of materials.
- Locate program resources such as speakers or entertainers, plan and carry out programs.
- Monitor the Railroad Car Library during the busy periods to eliminate discipline problems.

Admittedly, a fail-safe feature is built into this policy statement for the protection of both the library and the YPAC. However, it is the intention of the library director to give the YPAC as much authority and responsibility as it can handle. For example, "acceptance of material gifts such as books... are subject to approval by the Director" and he accepts only new books, an action that has the full approval of the YPAC.

The basic book collection for the Railroad Car Library consists of multiple copies of all the inprint titles on the "Reading List of 1,000 Paperback Books" in *Hooked On Books: Program & Proof* by Daniel N. Fader and Elton B. McNeil. The books have been processed by the two NYC girls who are the staff for the railroad car. Additional titles will be provided on request, and a simplified, practical selection procedure will be developed later for use by the YPAC.

The YPAC has opened a checking account with a local bank. The first donation of money will be presented to the YPAC at its next meeting by the student body of the Scott Junior High School, a gift of forty-three dollars for the purchase of books in memory of Sgt. Theodore

(Ted) Sweatt, an outstanding black athlete from Terre Haute who was killed in action in Vietnam. Checks may be written with the approval of the YPAC and signatures of the president and treasurer only are required.

If the Railroad Car Library does not turn out to be everything that everyone wants it to be, it will not be for lack of participation and involvement by resident users. Indeed, the most important feature of the experiment is the Young People's Advisory Committee. Experience thus far indicates that it is crucial that answers to questions and approval of the committee's decisions always be given on the spot without the delay of checking with a higher authority. All matters that will normally be the proper business of the YPAC are within the authority of the library director to decide.

How long before the project can be said to be a success is a matter of individual assessment. Two Neighborhood Youth Corps enrollees have established enviable attitude and attendance records during their on-the-job training, and have earned the respect of the entire library staff. Twenty young people have been brought together into a working organization with a sense of dignity and purpose. As of this writing, in early April, the track has been laid for the Railroad Car Library, the eighty-ton commuter coach has arrived in town with great fanfare, and its young conductors have accepted the challenge of preparing its timetable and an unprecedented journey for its passengers.

#### Providence:

## A Community Relations Program

Richard Metts is a young black man who grew up in South Providence, Rhode Island, a disadvantaged black community selected as the target for a Model Cities Program. In 1968, the twenty-two-year-old Navy veteran took the newly created post of community liaison for this branch of the Providence Public Library. He Charles W. Crosby
Chief of Community Services
Providence Public Library

had had two years of junior college before his service and is now attending a local business college in the evenings.

Mr. Metts knows someone on the roster of every agency or organization in his community, through which he circulates daily. He seldom sees his desk back at the branch library.

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## JAMESTOWN, N.Y. LIBRARY FINDS SUNDAY HOURS PAY

Adding its name to the list of public libraries which open on Sunday—the one day when the public is most able to visit them—is the James Prendergast Free Library of Jamestown, N.Y. A recent note to LJ from director Murray L. Bob ticked off the good points:

Open for three hours only on Sunday, the library finds the period is the busiest per-hour in the week; and the circulation that occurs is not being taken away from some other day, but as far as can be told is "new business."

Three groups are particularly attracted to the library, says Bob: working people who can't get to a library during the week; students needing a quiet place to study—away from the TV football game—and elderly people.

Discipline problems are minimal compared to other periods, said Bob; and the library is reaping all the right kind of publicity to back up its current drive for a 23 percent increase in support. The staff is compensated for time spent on Sundays by getting time off on another day equal to time and a half—four and a half hours for the three worked.

#### DETROIT TAKES IN SAIL IN ECONOMY PINCH

The Detroit Public Library has cut back its hours of opening to 48, with no evening hours on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, or Saturday in the main library, and the branch libraries are down to 40 hours a week, according to a December 1 Detroit News story noted in the Tee-Pee, newsletter of the Toledo Public Library.

The number of librarians on the staff is down from 277 to 235 and book purchases are being cut as a result of insufficient funds in the 1968-69 budget. The library budget went up from last year's \$6,830,198 to only \$7,138,427, not enough to compensate for higher salaries and rising costs, according to Detroit Director Charles Mohrhardt.

#### COMMUTER LIBRARY BRANCH SERVES CLEVELAND TERMINAL

Cleveland commuters on the way to and from work can check out or return books at a new minibranch library in a cottage-like structure set up in the west concourse of Cleveland's busy Union Terminal.

The new facility has 1800 books, and is open from 7:30 in the morning to 7:00 in the evening, Monday through Friday. No fines are collected and no reference work is handled by the clerk

in charge, but books from the main library can be requested and delivered to the terminal unit for pickup.

Cleveland promises a full report on this novel service in the near future meanwhile, library directors in more than one city will be told about it by travellers who have been impressed and have promised to carry the word of it home to their own cities.

### CONSERVATION AWARD TO DENVER P.L.

The Conservation Library Center of the Denver Public Library received an American Motors Conservation Award at a December 12 ceremony where James Cagney was guest speaker. Cagney, a dedicated conservationist, is a counselor for the Conservation Library Center.

The award is one given annually to nonprofit agencies of national scope. Denver's CLC was cited as being the first institution of its kind in the United States

### RAILROAD CAR LIBRARY PLANNED IN TERRE HAUTE

A converted railroad car will become Terre Haute's newest library facility within a few weeks, according to Library Director Edward N. Howard. who says that nothing has ever been seen like the citywide enthusiasm for the new project, which has private companies, labor unions, service agencies, and public agencies all working enthusiastically to make it a reality.

If all goes well, a railroad car now in Indianapolis will be brought to Terre Haute, dismantled into three sections, moved several blocks to the Hyte Community Center, and set up in original condition on a section of track which the Milwaukee Railroad has offered to lay. The car will be turned over to the Community Center in the Hyte section of Terre Haute, a predominantly Negro community originally slated for urban renewal, according to Howard, but now engaged in pulling itself up by its own bootstraps-such as cleaning up trashladen vacant lots with the help of power equipment dug up by the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The railroad car library will have all the advice and help from the Terre Haute library that is needed to convert it to a library and get it into operation says Howard, but it will belong to the community and it will be run by the community young people in the way they choose.

Among the local groups which have pitched in to help the project are: an architect, who is handling the design problems; the Painter's Local, No. 197.

which will apply the paint which is being donated by the Smith-Alsop Paint Company; a former railroader who is supervising preparation of the roadbed and installation of ties and tracks; the Central Labor Council, which is coordinating the work of several unions on renovation and remodeling; Anton Hulman, Indianapolis Raceway owner, who loaned his private plane so the committee working on the project could fly to Peoria to inspect a restaurant which uses reconverted railway cars for dining rooms; Dr. Daniel Fader, of the University of Michigan, who is advising the project (as are Paul Wasserman and Dick Moses of Maryland's High John project); the Encyclopaedia Britannica Educational Corporation, which is providing sets of Compton's Encyclopedia and Compton's Dictionary of the Natural Sciences; and the two trucking companies which will pool their efforts to move the car to its final location.

The Vigo County Public Library, which hatched the plot in its staff room some months ago, has been directed since a year ago by Edward N. Howard, a rumbly-voiced ex-warrant officer who has been in librarianship for only four years. The idea, he says, came from observing the overwhelming attraction which an old caboose parked in a local doctor's back yard has for children of the neighborhood. Two days later, Lew Taylor, head of Terre Haute's Chamber of Commerce, had found and acquired the railroad car. And from then on, the project has been everyone's baby.

The Vigo County Public Library, which serves 108,000 people in and around Terre Haute, has in the last year chalked up a 30 percent rise in circulation and has been awarded a 25 percent boost in its budget for 1969.

## INFORMATION INDUSTRY ASSN. FORMED IN PHILADELPHIA

A new trade group, named the Information Industry Association (IIA), was announced on November 25 by its first president, William T. Knox, vice president of McGraw-Hill Book Company. It will be concerned with promoting the interest of commercial firms that create, supply, or distribute information services.

Boris R. Anzlowar, president, Pharmaco-Medical Documentation, Inc., will serve as vice president, and with Knox, also as a director. Other directors include Eugene Garfield, president, Institute for Scientific Information; Eugene Power, president, University Microfilms; and Jeffrey Norton, president, Information Sciences, Inc.

Membership in the new association is open to all commercial, for-profit

organizations and individuals engaged in the creation, supply, or distribution of information products and services. Full memberships are limited to organizations selling information products and services, including both primary and secondary publishers. Companies that supply equipment and services to information companies are eligible for associate memberships. Consultants and other individuals active in the industry qualify as individual members. Voting is limited to full members.

Headquarters of the IIA will be at 1025 15th St., N.W., Suite 700, Washington, D.C., where there will be a full-time secretary. Further information at this time is available from William T. Knox, McGraw-Hill, 330 W. 42st., New York, N.Y. 10036.

## SPEAKERS' BUREAU SERVICE FORMED FOR MICROFILM

Library associations wishing to get speakers qualified to talk about microfilm as it is related to libraries can now make use of the services of a speakers' bureau set up by the National Microfilm Association, with coverage in every state.

Additional speakers are also being sought; all inquiries from either potential speakers or from interested associations should go to: Miss Loriel Joseph, Geyer Oswald, Inc., 555 Madison Ave., New York, N.Y. 10022.

## CHEMICAL INFO. CENTER SET FOR CHICAGO

A center for the dissemination of chemical information to students, university faculties, research personnel, and industrial chemists is being developed at the Illinois Institute of Technology Research Institute in Chicago, with initial funding from the National Science Foundation. The center will eventually handle biological, engineering, and areospace information as well. It is one of several such facilities being funded by NSF, others being located at the University of Georgia, the University of Nottingham (U.K.), the Karolinska Institute (Sweden), the Denmarks Tekniske Bibliotek, and the National Research Council of Canada. Liaison will be established among the various centers.

The information center will search tapes produced by the Chemical Abstracts Service against interest profile tapes of users, and will distribute current awareness reports to the latter, approximately every two weeks. It will also perform special tape searches on demand. The service will be free at first, but eventually fees will be charged to make the operation self-supporting.

The announcement of the new center at Illinois Institute of Technology noted that some 50 commercial tape services of this nature are at present available, and the expense of subscribing to more than a few has become prohibitive. The center's planned services are expected to relieve this situation

#### SCIENCE ABSTRACTERS GROUP TO MEET IN RALEIGH, N.C.

The Annual Conference of the National Federation of Science Abstracting and Indexing Services (NFSAIS) will be held in Raleigh, North Carolina, March 18-20. It will be open to all who are interested.

Topics to be discussed include: the relationship between government, commercial, and non-profit abstracting and indexing services; the merging internationally of abstracting and indexing services; tape economics; technological advantages; access by remote consoles; and search strategies from the manual and the machine point of view.

For information on registration, contact Stella Keenan, Executive Secretary, NFSAIS, 2102 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19103, or call LO 3-3341.

## COMPUTER-UTILITY SYMPOSIUM ANNOUNCED BY EDUCOM

A symposium on The Computer Utility—Implications for Higher Education will be held May 5-7 with joint sponsorship by the Interuniversity Communications Council (EDUCOM) and the Whittemore School of Business Economics of the University of New Hampshire. The symposium will be held at the Wayfarer Inn in Manchester, N.H.

Among the topics considered will be the implications for libraries and information services of the regulatory and policy problems caused by the interdependence of computer and communications services. Further information may be requested of Professor Michael Duggan, Computer/Education Symposium, Box 68, Durham, New Hampshire 03824.

### COMPUTER INFO. GUIDE LOOKING FOR MATERIAL

A projected one-volume reference book titled Guide to Information Sources in the Computer Sciences, and scheduled for publication in summer 1969, will list and evaluate such basic sources of information as bibliographies, abstracting and indexing media, dictionaries, directories, and loose-

#### Mgo County Public Library ROSE COLORED GLASSES

"Sure, that's our job, to present the rosy side of things, to report progress toward the goals of the State Library." The editor of one of America's more prestigious state library publications made this admission, and with it, focussed on one of the nagging questions that anyone in this profession must face. It all came out at a federally funded institute directed by George S. Bobinski under the aegis of the School of Library Science of the University of Kentucky. "Upgrading the Knowledge and Skills of Editors of Regional and State-Wide Library Journals," it was called, and the title, itself, could have used the application of an editorial pencil.

The state library editor put his finger on it. The "rose-colored glasses" syndrome of librarianship. The library is fun, is good, is reaching out, is full of happy people. It is an approach that permeates our profession and our literature from the national level right down to the latest broadside from the local public library. It is the gospel according to Ivy Lee and Ed Bernays, the first of the P.R. men. It is the gospel of those who can always find a "silver lining," always muster up an NLW program, always find a recipient for an award. It is the current gospel of circulation counting budgeters, of "out-reach" experts, of the automationists, and it is why our literature, our publicity, and even our results as reported, are often more ballyhoo than substance.

Art Plotnik looked out through those rose-colored glasses when he wrote "Victory from the Jaws of Defeat: A Tribute to the Newark Public Library," in the April 1969 Wilson Library Bulletin. What Art called a "victory" was, in reality, a thinly disguised and grossly cynical political maneuver by a last gasp, white City Council in what is virtually a black city. It was a shabby ploy to use the public library as the lever to pry funds loose from the state and federal government to offer more of the same service, supported at the same level, in a decaying community.

When Ed Howard moved that old railroad car into the black section of Terre Haute as a branch of the Vigo County Library, somebody's vision was obscured by the pinkish tint, and no one realized that the real leaders of that community had not been contacted. Gerry Shields found a silver lining for Ed in his "Train Wreck in Terre Haute" (ALA Bulletin, September 1969) by saying: "Certainly, the blacks can not help but respect his understanding as he quickly rose to the occasion and withdrew the project when it was obvious that it was misinterpreted, and thus not wanted." The blacks said: "... take it to the junk yard where it belongs."

Those rosy lenses went to print with stories of the first fully automated library" at Florida Atlantic Uniersity, but they were never removed to look at the results of that experiment.

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There are even elements of that do-good, all's well, reddish glow in such library literature as the course descriptions of library schools, and the numerous "victory statements" out of Washington after the House voted to restore some of the federal aid to libraries. Read An Overview of the Library Services and Construction Act-Title I if you need another example.

We've had 90 years as an organized profession, yet we still find it necessary to "con" ourselves, to propagandize each other about our work. We ought to be convinced by now. We ought to demand realistic reports of results, not preliminary publicity, or white wash.

That was the message of Kentucky. Take off the rose-colored glasses and take another look at librarian-ship with a naked eye. Report reality to your colleagues, and to your public. Tell the profession and the world what is really wrong in librarianship, then try to figure out why. After that, hopefully, we can strive for change.

In short, until that naked eye takes a realistic and close look, until it is focussed on every out-reach program, every library school curriculum, every automation claim, every lobbying goal, every professional axiom, indeed, every library, we'll go on deluding ourselves and making the same old mistakes.

The editors in Kentucky, all the editors including this one, took off the rose-colored glasses, many for the first time. Many saw their clay feet showing. Many don't want to be your publicist, your P.R. man. Hopefully they'll be out there looking at the reality of librarianship. We hope you'll show it to them, and to us. JB

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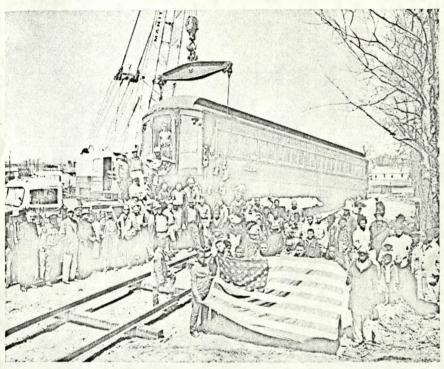
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Derailment of a dream: In this photograph, a Terre Haute Public Library project, sparked by Director Edward N. Howard, is on the verge of success as an old railroad car is set in place to form a children's library. For the details, see story below

#### TERRE HAUTE'S RAILROAD CAR SPURNED BY MILITANTS

A lot of Terre Haute residents, including businessmen, labor union officials and members, and many others who have contributed time and money to setting up an imaginative children's library, which was to be located in a retired railroad car in Terre Haute's Hite section, are smarting with disappointment, for after months of effort, black militant opinion has crystallized community opinion against the project.

Objecting that they didn't want "an old junk railroad car" for a youth library, black leaders have successfully scuttled a project which all along seemed to have delighted everyone, white and black. Director Ed Howard went along with the disappointing decision, saying sadly that the community is so fragmented and distrustful, and the problems involved so complex, that no simple solution—such as the rail-

road car project seemed to promise—has much chance of success.

The railroad car will leave Terre Haute, but hopefully to find another home as a library in a rural Indiana community, where an American Legion post has shown interest in trying a similar project.

## FORMER "LJ" EDITOR TO HEAD SCARECROW

Eric Moon, Director of Editorial Development at the R. R. Bowker Company and for nine years Editor of its Library Journal, has been appointed Chief Executive Officer of Scarecrow Press in Metuchen, New Jersey, a division of the Grolier Educational Corporation. Moon will begin in his new post on July 1, 1969.

Scarecrow was founded in 1949 by Ralph R. Shaw while he was director of the U.S. Department of Agriculture Library, "... to publish scholarly books in small editions that could not be published by trade or university presses, and to do so without subsidy." The Press was acquired by Grolier in December 1968 and has also pioneered in publishing methods that have reduced the cost to libraries of specialized reprint material. Shaw continues as President of Scarecrow and Theodore Waller as Chairman of the Board.

Moon's career as a librarian and editor began in the Southampton Public Library in England in 1939. A graduate with honors from the Loughborough School of Librarianship in England, Moon held a variety of library positions and served for several years on the (British) Library Association Council. Elected Honorary Secretary and later Vice President of the Association of Assistant Librarians, Moon became known as a crusader for reform in British librarianship and as a spokesman for the younger members of the profession in England. When the Library Association began publication of its news magazine, Liaison, in 1957, Moon was appointed its first editor.

In 1957, Moon was appointed Director of Public Library Services for Canada's Province of Newfoundland, also becoming Secretary-Treasurer of the Newfoundland Public Libraries Board.

In October 1959, Moon joined the R. R. Bowker Company as Editor of Library Journal. During his nine years as LJ's editor the magazine's circulation more than doubled, its advertising revenue increased until the magazine became fully self-supporting for the first time in its history, and its position as the spokesman for reform, social consciousness, and free access to libraries became by-words.

Moon served in a variety of professional organizations during his editorship of LJ. As a member-at-large of the ALA Council he consistently urged the American Library Association to undertake programs for greater membership participation, stronger anticensorship action, and against any form of racial discrimination practiced by libraries or units of ALA.

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Dick Moses, of High John fame, hadwritten to Edward N. Howard, director of the Vigo County Library and guardian to the project: "You couldn't have known, of course, that we contemplated the very same thing not many months ago; it turned out no surplus cars were available, and the local folks figured the transportation cost to our site would be prohibitive. I'm delighted to know that someone is actually going; through with the idea!"

Ed Howard, a retired Navy warrant officer and one-time prisoner of war, is a warm, outgoing man who has steeped himself in the community of Terre Haute. When you walk down the street with him it is difficult to believe that he has been there just under two years. People greet him and come up to his table in the luncheonette to pass the time. And the youth library received his most careful attention and occupied most of his time from its conception last fall.

He certainly seemed to have whipped the cost problems. And this was important. No federal funds were involved. The time, talents, and money of the citizens of Terre Haute were involved. It was the kind of imaginative project that gets past the gimlet-eyed query, "How much is this going to cost me?" It was exciting enough to ignite Lew Taylor, executive vice-president of the Chamber of Commerce, to sponsor the project and become co-chairman along with Ed Howard. They used the Chamber contacts and with the help of an anonymous donor provided the railway passenger coach; an architect offered to provide the design; labor unions eagerly offered their painters, plumbers, electricians, laborers, truck drivers, heavy equipment operators, and engineers. The rail companies moved the car to Terre Haute, a publisher provided his encyclopedia, a news service offered free magazine subscriptions, a store. provided ten record albums per month, the city donated the land, and the Hyte Center board approved the project, while a nearby cafe served up free coffee to all on hand for the placing of the car on the site.

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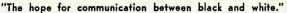
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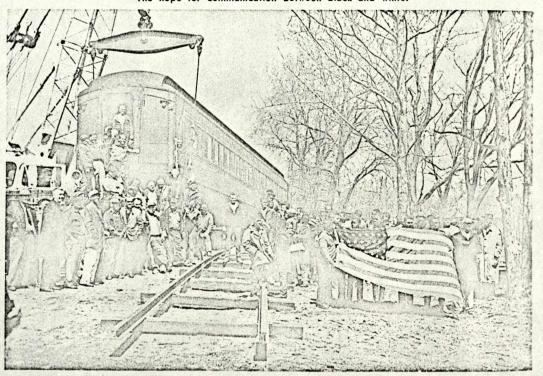
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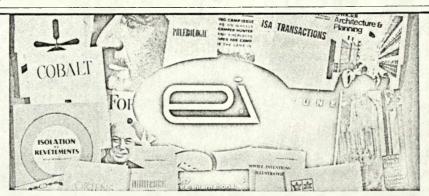
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We, the undersigned young adults of the Black Community of Terre Haute, protest the acreptance of the train by the Hyte Center Board as the new Hyte Center library because of the following reasons:

1. We are living in the Modern Age and not the Stone Age and fail to see that we are progressing by accepting junk.

2. We feel that a new library calls for a new Civic Center with the library as a separate arction or as a separate modern building.

3. We fail to see the uniqueness of a piece of old junk. If this was the case, one would term the Hyte Center building as "unique" and would say that a new structure is not needed for it because it is an old run-down relic.

(The Hyte Center building is a small one-story sement block building that appears about forty years old and may have served as a weigh station and offices for a coal yard at one time. ED)

4. We appreciate the spirit of the donation, but we do not appreciate the spirit in which is accepted. It is all right to feed a pig slop if he will accept it.

5. We submit that the train car should be old and the money used for a new library, or if this is not feasible, take it to the junk yard where it belongs.

Some seven hundred of the Hyte residents had signed the petition including many of the young people who were members of the advisory group for the library.

Then a meeting was called by the local chapter of the National Association for the

Advancement of Colored People at the Hyte Center. William Sweatt, a graduate student at Indiana State University and brother of a local basketball star recently killed in Vietnam, emerged as the leader of the YABBC. He presented the petition and termed the library inadequate to meet the needs of the black community and said it represented an attempt to pacify the black element. Sweatt also charged that residents of the area were not consulted on the library.

At the meeting, Edward Howard told the group that the project had not been conceived as a substitute for a new library extension service in the area. He explained the library's funding problems and how the offer of the railcar afforded the opportunity for the library and the community to have temporary service for youth until funding was available. However, he emphasized that if the community did not want the railcar, he would recommend to the Vigo County Library Board that it be removed.

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# Train Wreck in Terre Haute

A railcar for a youth library? It seemed like a good idea. The romance of American railroads captured on a picturesque little siding. The high mounted day coach of yesteryear now painted in olive and avocado. Inside it was to be bright beige and orange with thick carpeting. Half of the seats were to be removed to allow for paperback and magazine racks. There was to be a hi-fi and a movie projector. All of this was to be run under the direction of an advisory board composed of local youth ranging in age from 16-20. They were toset the hours, plan the programs, selection materials, determine the policies in all, a fresh and exciting way appeare the minds of the youth in the Myte area of Terre Haute, Indiana. (See ALA Bulletin: Jan. 1969, p. 8.)

Dick Moses, of High John fame, had written to Edward N. Howard, director of the Vigo County Library and guardian to the project: "You couldn't have known, of course, that we contemplated the very thing not many months ago; it turned out no surplus cars were available, and the local folks figured the transportation cost to our site would be prohibitive. I'm delighted to know that someone is actually going through with the idea."

Ed Howard, a retired Navy warrant officer and one-time prisoner of war, is a warm, outgoing man who has steeped himself in the community of Terre Haute. When you walk down the street with him it is difficult to believe that he has been there just under two years. People greet him and come up to his table in the lunch-eonette to pass the time. And the youth library received his most careful attention and occupied most of his time from its conception last fall.

He certainly seemed a nave whipped the cost problems. And this was important No federal funds were involved. The time talents, and money of the citizens of Terre Harma were involved. It was the hind of Laginative project that gets that the gimlet-eyed query, "How much is this going to cost me?" It was meeting enough to ignite Lew Taylor, a contive vice-president of the Chamber Commerce, to sponsor the project and become co-chairman along with Ed Hand. They used the Chamber contact and with the help of an anonymous provided the railway passenger an architect offered to provide the mga; labor unions eagerly offered their painters, plumbers, electricians, laborers, ruck drivers, heavy equipment operators, and engineers. The rail companies moved the car to Terre Haute, a publisher provided his encyclopedia, a news service offered free magazine subscriptions, a store provided ten record albums per month, the city donated the land, and the Hyte Center board approved the project, while a nearby cafe served up free coffee to all on hand for the placing of the car on the site.

That was a big day. It looked like a day

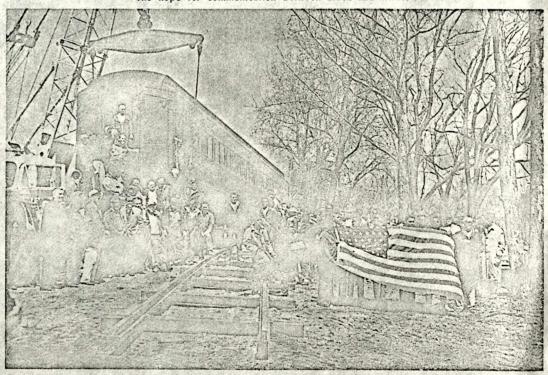
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"The hope for communication between black and white."



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one hundred years ago when the golden spike was pounded into place symbolizing the joining of the east and the west rail communications. And although it had never been said in so many words, this railcar was also beginning to symbolize the hope for communications between black and white in the city.

Suddenly, it was over. Windows were smashed and ugly smears of paint read "Uncle Tom's Cabin" and "Black Power." The whites were shocked and angry. The blacks were confused and intimidated. The leadership that had been speaking for the blacks seemed to dissolve and new spokesmen appeared. First it was a group of young blacks when they presented their Petition for the Rejection of the Train as a Library: By: The Young Adults for a Better Black Community (YABBC).

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(The Hyte Center building is a small one-story cement block building that appears about forty years old and may have served as a weigh station and offices for a coal yard at one time. ED)

4. We appreciate the spirit of the donation, but we do not appreciate the spirit in which it is accepted. It is all right to feed a pig slop if he will accept it.

5. We submit that the train car should be sold and the money used for a new library, or if this is not feasible, take it to the junk yard where it belongs.

Some seven hundred of the Hyte residents had signed the petition including many of the young people who were members of the advisory group for the library.

Then a meeting was called by the local chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People at the Hyte Center. William sweatt, a graduate student at Indiana State University and brother of a local basketball star recently killed in Vietnam, emerged as the leader of the YABBC. He presented the petition and termed the library inadequate to meet the needs of the black community and said it represented an attempt to pacify the black element. Sweatt also charged that residents of the area were not consulted on the library.

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the railcar library have been offered positions in the Vigo County Library system.

Lew Taylor commented on the situation for the Terre Haute Tribune Star, May 18, 1969.

The presence of the passenger car created a crisis which has changed the leadership structure of that area. It has brought about an assessment of values.

The value of the investment in monies and time spent by the volunteers that made the Railroad Library Car a possibility might not be wasted. If identity of oneself is important, then the passenger car project was of value. If awareness of one's responsibility to his neighborhood is important, then we can see value in the project.

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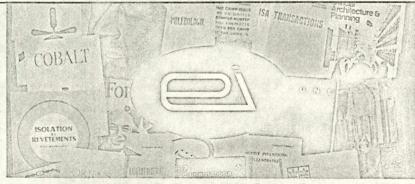
If buried resentment is uncovered and exposed and maybe even rectified then the railroad car has proven therapeutic in value.

The people of Hyte Community are telling us that they too want to be builders. They too want the experience of working on their project, in their way, and to express their ideas to attain their goals.

But a unifying of spirit, a rallying of forces is a requisite to build anything. If the Railroad Library Car helped create this atmosphere, then maybe something of value can be seen in it. Ed Howard and the Vigo County Library have grown in size in their community. Certainly, the blacks can not help but respect his understanding as he quickly rose to the occasion and withdrew the project when it was obvious that it was misinterpreted, and thus not wanted. To have fought the issue and to open the library, in spite of community pressure, would have caused damage to the library and library service that could have taken years to repair.

It is refreshing to read and to know of those few libraries in the public service field that are trying to reach out. It is not an easy task. It certainly is not for the vainglorious. When you step out from the dusty stacks of the library into the bite of politics, social interaction, and community welfare. . . . you takes your lumps and you try again. There is no doubt that Ed Howard and the Vigo County Library are going to try again to put their library services into the hands of the citizens they serve. And they have more experience than most in trying to break through.—GRS. Gerald

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# Hyte Directors To Choose Site For Library

The location of the Charles T. Hyte Center Library will be chosen at 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19, by the board of directors of the Hyte Center.

The library will be a converted railroad passenger car. Dr. Andre Hammonds, board president, scheduled the meeting for the purpose of selecting the site.

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Dr. Hammonds has invited
Rene Aybar, architect; Howard
L. "Jerry" Harbaugh, city park
superintendent, and Edward N.
Howard, director of county libraries, to attend the session.

The restorted and converted railroad car was given to the Hyte community by an anonymous donor.

Penn Central is the latest organization to offer services in helping to make the library a reality. The Penn Central will transport the car from Indianapolis to Terre Haute.

The railroad also will keep the car on one of its local sidings until the permanent location is prepared for the library.

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Jim Bertram, road foreman
for the Milwaukee Railroad, has
agreed to supervise preparation
of a roadbed and tracks near
the Hyte Center for the soonto-be library.

Interest in the railroad carlibrary has become nationwide and Howard said the Vigo County Public Library has received several inquires about the project.

The University of Maryland school of library and information services has requested permission to tour the library when it is completed.

The school has a similar project in a Prince George County three-room house library.

Also, the editor of National Professional Journal has asked for pictures and information of the Hyte project.

When completed, an advisory group, made up of young people in the Hyte community, will help select materials, hours and make major policies governing the library.

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# Hyte Center Library Site Is Selected

By DICK SUTLIFF
Tribune Staff Writer

A site in the 1000 block of S. 14th St. has been chosen for the Carles T. Hyte Community Center Library, to be housed in a restored and converted railroad passenger car, given to the Hyte community by an anonymous donor.

Dr. Andre D. Hammonds, president of the Hyte Center board of directors, said the library will be located on the southeast corner of the Hyte Center property, approximately across from the Farrington Woodworking Co.

The board decided upon the location at a meeting Thursday night. Dr. Hammonds described the library idea as a "very beautiful experiment," where neighborhood youngsters "will have a chance to do their own thinking."

Said Dr. Hammonds: "They won't have to be quiet if they don't want to be; they can make all the noise they want." The library nill be operated by a committee of about 20 young persons to be chosen from the Hyte Center neighborhood. Target date for opening the library is next April.

Dr. Hammonds, associate professor of sociology at Indiana State University, was re-elected president of the board. Also re-elected were David Frye, vice prsidnt; Mrs. Carolyn Roberts, secretary, and Tom Walden, treasurer.

William Reed, 44, 1423 S. 11½ St., was elected to the board at the meeting. Reed has been a member of the Terre Haute Fire Department for the past 19 years.

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The youth advisory committee will make major policy decisions governing the library, and will help select materials and decide upon its hours of operation. Many local groups have volunteered their services to make the unique library a reality.

The Penn Central Railroad has agreed to transport the car from its present location in Indianapolis to Terre Haute. The Milwaukee Railroad will supervise the preparation of a roadbed and tracks on which to place the library.

Dr. Hammonds said he and the other Hyte Center board members are grateful for the assistance offered by the various organizations, as well as that of the Vigo County Public Library and its director, Edward N. Howard.

Numerous inquiries have been received from all over the country from universities and other organizations wishing to obtain more information about the new library. Some have asked for guided tours when the library is in operation.

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# Railroad Car To Be Moved

The railroad car which will become a library will be moved to its permanent site in the Hyte Community Center area in a day-long operation next Saturday, April 19.

The decision to move the car to its new location, 1000 S. 14th St., was made during a meet-ing Friday, when plans were completed.

The moving operations will involve taking it over city streets from a location on a railroad siding in the vicinity of Fourteenth Street and College Avenue to the permanent location already prepared for it.

Cooperating in this final move will be Haley Bros. Construction Corp.; the Dennis Trucking Co.; Local 439, Structural Iron Work-ers, and a traffic patrol of the city police department. Rigging is expected to start

between 8 and 8:30 a.m., according to John Haley. The first lift of the body without the undercarriages will be made about 9:30 a.m., it is hoped. The moving of the body and the two undercarriages is expected to be completed about 2 to 2:30

To accommodate the movers, Richard Dennis said Mayor Leland Larrison had promised po-lice control from the traffic department.

The 70 by 10-foot, 80-ton former Pennsylvania Railroad commuter car arrived here Monday and was placed upon a Penn Central siding until later that night, when it was moved to the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific Railroad Hulman yards. It will be moved during the night preceding its permanent setting from the yards to the vicinity of Four-teenth Street and College Ave-nue. All local railroads have a cooperated in its movement and the Milwaukee Road in the preparation of its permanent roadbed.

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Movement for the library's establishment began last fall and throughout it has been a cooperative effort rather than expenditure of tax funds. The car, given by an anonymous donor, is equipped with steam heat and built-in air conditioning. De-sign for its conversion has been prepared by Rene Aybar, architect.

Project sponsors have been the Terre Haute Chamber of Commerce and the Vigo County

Public Library.

Painters' Local Union No. 197 has offered to paint the car when it is ready for occupancy. It is one of several unions cooperating.

Donors for the project have been listed from time to time and will be given in an overall list at the time of the dedication and opening of the library.

It will contain reading material which can be used by stu-dents in preparing assignments, magazines, records, paperbacks and other material appealing to young readers. It is hoped to include record players, a film projector and other audio visual aids in the ultimate equipment of the project.

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# Hyte Center Railroad Car Initiates Lib. Initiates Library Week

By CARL BENDER Tribune Staff Writer

National Library week moved made one feet as though the end cars and their trucks (wheel asinto the city Saturday with the had come for the 44-year-old semblies) are held together for better safety. Unable to pivot, Vigo County Library just north of College Avenue on South 14th and the crane which had lifted Street.

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branch is awaiting conversion trailers. to a place of study from a bit of lore disappearing from the napassenger car.

Almost half a year to the day 14th Street. of its inception, the railroad car was put into place to serve the youth of the Hyte Community Center area on the city's south-

It was no easy task, what with trying to move an 80-ton commuter car from a Central and Eastern Illinois Railroad siding onto a permanent base 200 feet

After all, commuter cars were built to ride strips of steel, not get shoved across the soft earth.

Men from Haley Bros. Construction Corp. and Dennis Trucking Co. worked side by side to lift the huge car first one end, then the other—from the rails and onto low-boy trailers for the short overland haul.

When it looked as though the whole show would be as easy as taking a walk, the car almost ended in the same shape as the walls of Jerico.

The car began to sway just a 1653 moved onto the tracks. But little, but the chorus of gasps heard from the many spectators Unlike freight cars, commuter National Library Week moved made one feel as though the end cars and their trucks (wheel as-

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easy. The workers-all of whom had donated their time for the project-didn't want the drama to end quite so soon. The sidewalk superintendents were getting a little too complacent.

The truck on the south end was not quite as stable as the one on the other when it came time to lift the car onto the low-boy, so it had to be chained; the chain allowed only two more wheels to drop into place on the tracks.

But 30 minutes after the first two wheels were on the rails at the permanent site, youngsters from the Hyte area and civic officials climbed aboard to welcome the old car to its new home.

Union members, including car repairmen, steel workers and others from the Central Labor Council, have helped with a good portion of the work so far, and the Painters' Union Local 197 wili begin its work now that the car is on permanent ground. The union workers are donating their labor.

The statement of an elderly man was contradicted by the cooperation of the men who donated time and talent to provide an educational opportunity for

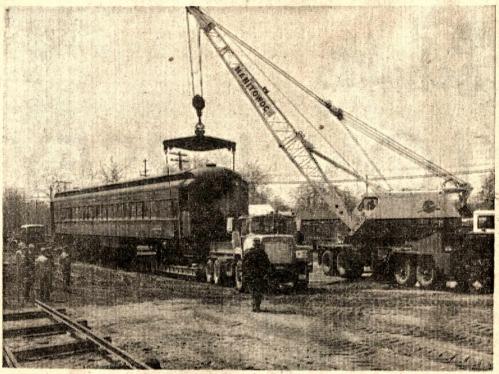
Before the move began, he simply stated: "That won't work at all."

It did, and now a new era opens for the young people of Hyte Center, who yearn for knowledge like all others.

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EASY DOES IT—Sidewalk superintendents, including Mayor Larrison (center foreground), watch as a crane crew gingerly lifts the commuter car library from the low-boy trailers to preparation for lowering it onto the permanent tracks in the Hyte Community Center. It took the volunteer crews several hours to complete the job of moving the car from the Central and Eastern Illinois Railroad tracks to the new site.

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# Hyte Center's Railroad Car Library



ON THE LEFT-The railroad car is moved to its new location on a pair of low-boy trailers, while a crane steadies it for the short overland trip. The crane was used when the car began to sway as the two tractor-trailers moved away from the Central and Eastern Illinois Railroad tracks (background). After the crane was brought in for its dual role, the crews had little trouble in moving the car to the new location (foreground) 200 feet away.

ON THE RIGHT—After two of the cars wheels we re placed on the permanent track in the Hyte Community Center, the volunteer crews and curious onlookers broke into an impromptu celebration. It took just a little more than 30 minutes for the men to lower the car onto the tracks, and as soon as they had, the people began walking through car No. 1653 as it made its last stop.

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# The Chamber This Week

By LEW TAYLOR **Executive Vice President** Terre Haute Chamber of Commerce

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# Discussion Held on Hyte Center Library

By DICK SUTLIFF Tribune Staff Writer

The unique railroad car library, being established at the Charles T. Hyte Community Center, may be removed from its corner lot because of opposition by a group of young black adults in the community.

About 80 persons crowded into the center's activities building Tuesday night to discuss the pros and cons of the library during a meeting of the Terre Haute branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

William Sweatt, a graduate student at Indiana State University, presented a petition which he said bore about 700 signatures, rejecting the railroad library car.

He termed it inadequate to meet the needs of the black community, and said it represented an attempt to pacify the Negro element. He also charged that residents of the area were not asked first whether they wanted the library.

Edward N. Howard, director of the Vigo County Public Library, said he would recommend to the library board that the railroad car be removed if the majority of residents in the community don't want it.

A meeting of CATCAP (Community Advisers to Community Action Program) is scheduled for 8 p.m. Wednesday at Hyte Center for further discussion of the railroad car and other subjects.

#### Plan for Library

A group of residents of the area, called the Young People's Advisory Committee, has been formed to oversee the operation of the library, which was envisioned as a place where neighborhood youngsters could go to study or relax.

The project was initiated last October through the efforts of Howard and the Terre Haute Chamber of Commerce. Numerous organizations and individuals donated their time and labor to place the 80-ton car on specially-laid tracks on the Hyte Center property on April 19.

Don Turner, president of the local NAACP branch, said his organization has not taken a stand on the dispute, but the "sentiment seems to be against" permitting the car to remain.

Clarence Kelly and Deborah Grissom took the floor in support of the railroad car library. Kelly said the community ought to give the sponsors "a chance to show what they can do with it." Libraries (TH) VCPL

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He said the rejection of the car might give the impression that residents of the area "don't know what they want." The opposition should have been registered from the outset, he declared, rather than at this time.

'Not Losing Anything'
Miss Grissom, one of the librarians, said the Hyte Center community "is not losing anything by accepting this railroad car." She noted that books are already being processed, along with records and magazines. A movie projector and screen have been added to the facilities, she said

"Why not give the younger children a chance to use this library?" Miss Grissom asked.

Most of the younger members

Most of the younger members of the audience departed after Sweatt presented the petition and spoke against the library car.

Those who remained (about 40 persons) continued their discussion on the merits of the case.

One speaker said no one spoke for the black community in putting the car there, and charged that it was a case of the school corporation dictating to the black community.

"Black people need more than just a library," said one speak-

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Howard said he had found it difficult to determine just who does speak for the black community, but repeated his pledge that he will recommend the car be removed if the community decides it doesn't want it.

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#### Passenger Car To Be Removed At Hyte Center

There will be no railroad-car library in the Hyte Community Center area. The car will be removed as soon as plans can be completed for its removal.

The decision was announced at a meeting Wednesday night of the Community Advisers to the Community Action Program by Edward N. Howard, director of the Vigo County Public Library, one of the co-sponsors of the program.

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Already the railroad car
placed on the Charles T. Hyte
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been defaced by painted signs
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Primary aim of the Young Blacks for a Better Community, which opposed the library, is a new center for the area. It seemed to be the concensus of Wednesday's meeting CATCAP should be the spokesman for all groups in the community

Improvements to the Hyte Center will be discussed Tuesday with the Board of Public Works and Safety, according to Sidney Levin, president of the Terre Haute Board of Park Commissioners.

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Estimated cost of a new civic center is \$240,000, Levin said, expressing hope that two-thirds of the needed funds could be obtained from the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Leaders of the YBBC also claimed that the Center should be disassociated from the United Fund and should be a project of the CAP.

Suggestions also were made for reorganization of the Hyte Center board to more clearly reflect the ideas of the community.

CATCAP, which represents both black and white communities; will meet again next Wednesday to continue working on the center project. Libraries (THI VCPZ

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By LEW TAYLOR **Executive Vice President** Terre Haute Chamber of Commerce

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dents around the Hyte Commu-know what it is like to take If buried resentment is un nity Center to be a cast-off, re. something at hand and make covered and exposed and jected piece of the white world it better. This is a lesson that maybe even rectified then the was in reality an unmined jewel must be learned through exrailroad car program has just waiting to be cut, smoothed perience.

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of our past. Terre Haute's econ-this area. As each block is laid The Terre Haute Chamber of omy was railroad oriented at the next is easier to lay.

This is what the young people failed to see.

This is where the real communication problem lies. Those found. then we can see value in the What appeared to the resi people that comprise the givers

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nity are telling us that they too want to be builders. They too want the experience of working on their project, in their way

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But a unifying of spirit, a The Railroad Library Car rallying of forces is a requisite this atmosphere then maybe something of value can be seen

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Taxpayers should not pay for the removal of a railroad carronce designated as a library for Hyte Community Center, according to a resolution passed Monday by the Vigo County Ligrary Board. The board agreed the car should be moved as quickly as possible from its lo-

Dr. Iverson C. Bell proposed the resolution after Edward N. Howard, library director, had asked the board to appropriate \$1,999 to cover the removal. Three of the four members present voted for the resolution. Dr. William Kessel, president, cast the only opposing vote.

cation but that private funds

be used.

Dr. Bell suggested that Howard investigate private means of the car's removal.

The donor has asked that the car be removed from Vigo County if it is not to be used as a library for Hyte Community. The car will be given to the Indiana Museum of Transportation and Communications, in Forest Park at Noblesville. It will be exhibited with interurban cars, wood passenger cars, wooden box cars, and other railroad items.

Howard reported on a study of a separate board for the library and discussed the various advantages of an elected board and an appointed board. Any board should be representative of the various facets of the community, he said. An appointed board by library law would have two members named by the school board, two by the county commissioners and three by the circuit judge. Members could not be recalled and could serve four terms of four years.

### Library Board Plans Removal Of Car At Hyte

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The car will be given to the Indiana Museum of Transport and Communications, which opened last August in Forest Park, Noblesville. Exhibited there are interurban cars, wood passenger cars, wooden box cars, two electric locomotives, a steam engine, an old railroad way station and recently the Indianapolis Traction Terminal train shed was re-erected there.

The museum is under the direction of a non-profit corporation and financed through donations and community fund-raising projects backed by the Noblesville Chamber of Com-

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Howard recomended the board not be changed at this time to an appointed board. The matter he said also had been considered in 1952-53.

Mrs. Charlote Caldwell moved that the director's report be accepted with gratitude. All members voted for it but Peter Farmer, who had earlier requested the study.

The board has had a reap-praisal of the Wiley High School site and will meet informally with the Board of Aviation Commissioners to discuss the matter. The aviation commissioners

had proposed a \$389.000 asking price.

A new Library Staff Manual was discussed by the director with the board, he pointing out changes in it from the former one TERRE HAUTE

A report on security for Emeine Fairbanks Memorial Library, resulting from a break-The railroad car that was to in at the library April 19, was

from its location at the Hyte Community Center but not at taxpayers' expense.

This is the text of a resolution Louis L. Campbell, head of tech-

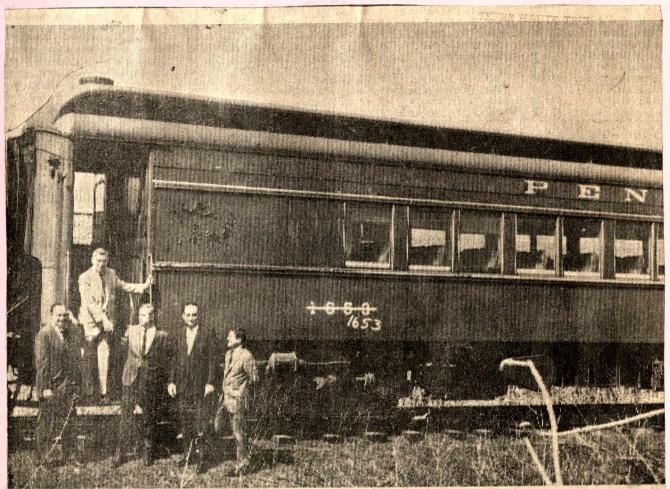
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INSPECTING FUTURE LIBRARY—Officials who have worked on a community project to turn a railroad passenger car into a library for Hyte Community Center youth checked the car as it arrived in Terre Haute Monday. From left are Vernie Potter, president of the Chamber of Commerce; Fred M. Priester, assistant district manager of the Milwaukee Railroad; Lew Taylor, executive vice president of the Chamber; Guy A. Chamberlain, assistant superintendent of Chicago, Milwaukee. St. Paul & Pacific Railroad, and Pcte Culver, labor representative for the United Fund.

Photo by Chuck Strausburg.

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#### the EDITOR'S MAIL

The Tribune welcomes letters from readers. The briefer they are the better the chance of publication. All are subject to condensation or rejection. All must be signed. The Tribune does not necessarily agree with statements made and does not assume responsibility.

To the Editor

I was greatly disappointed to read that the people of the Hyte Center community want the railroad car that is to be converted into a Railroad Car Library, removed from their community.

The question that comes to my mind is why do they object so strongly to this idea? Surely they cannot truly believe that the Railroad Car Library was proposed simply to satisfy the black element of Terre Haute.

It seems like such a good idea to convert a bit of history into present day life. To give the young people of Hyte community a library of their own, so to speak, makes the proposed Railroad Car Library ideal.

To me, the most important part of the idea is that it has been a community effort requiring a great deal of work and energy. Too many people have put too much time and effort into this project for it to be scrapped before it is even given a chance to prove itself right or wrong.

I feel that this was a sincere effort on the part of all persons concerned to give the young people of Hyte Center a project of which they could be proud.

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Sincerely, MRS. ERWIN KOHLMORGAN, 1615 Hendricks St.

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## RAILROAD CAR TO BE MOVED WITHIN WEEK

The railroad car, once designated for a library for the Hyte Center area, will be moved within the next week, according to Edward N. Howard, director of the Vigo County Public Libraries.

Haley Bros. Construction Company will handle the move, which is scheduled for either Thursday or Monday, depending upon other committments of the company, Howard said.

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## Work to Start. Soon on Hyte Rail Library

By MARY ANNE PIERCE

Tribune Staff Writer

Work is scheduled to begin within the next 10 days at the lite of the Charles T. Hyte Community Center Library.

James Bertram, roadmaster or the Milwaukee Railroad, and Mouday a work crew will legin preparing a roadbed for the library, a railroad passenger ar which will be restored and converted into a library for the outh of the Hyte community.

"We will start within the ext week or 10 days if nothing appens," Bertram said.

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lock of South 14th Street, coording to Bertram.

He and his crew will subrade the area, lay ties and ails and cover the area with ravel. Ninety feet of rail will be laid for the car.

Bertram is working with Pete Culver, labor representative with the United Fund.

Bertram and Culver are just wo of the many individuals and groups working to complete the Hyte Library project.

The car was donated to the community last year through he efforts of the Terre Haute hamber of Commerce and the ligo County Public Library.

#### . Volunteers Work

Volunteers have been working closely with Dr. Andre D. I a m m o n d s, president, and members of the Hyte Center board of directors, as well as local architect, Rene C. Aybar.

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Mrs. Ozonator Green, executive director of the center, and Mrs. Emma Shauntee, family service worker for the Community Action Program, are gathering information on persons who will be considered for the Young People's Advisory Committee.

The committee will make major policy decisions governing the library and will select materials and hours of operation.

#### Requirements

Eligibility requirements are age 15 through 20 and a resident in the area from 9th to 17th streets and Hulman to Poplar streets.

According to Howard, volunteers are presently seeking equipment for the library. Items needed include record players, record browsing bin, metal office-type desk, 8mm and 16mm motion picture projectors, slide projector, projection screen and typewriter.

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The project is the first of its kind and is drawing national attention from other libraries and communities.

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## Set Time To Move Railroad Library Car

By SARAH BENCE Star Staff Writer

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To accommodate the movers, Hyte Community Control of the Railroad Car be completed about 2 to 2:30 p.m. Hyte Community Center area, is Richard Dennis said Mayor Leset for April 19, it was an land Larrison had promised potion of plans.

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of the cooperative effort to establish the library will be Haley Bros. Construction Corp.; the Dennis Trucking Co.; Local 439, Structural Iron Workers, and a traffic patrol of the city police department.

Rigging is expected to start between 8 and 8:30 a.m., according to John Haley. The first lift of the body without the undercarriages will be made about 9:30 a.m., it is hoped. The mov-

ling of the body and the two undercarriages is expected to

nounced Friday after finaliza-lice control from the traffic department.

The 70 by 10 foot, 80-ton form-The moving operations will the 70 by 10 foot, 80-ton form-involve taking it over city er Pennsylvania Railroad comstreets from a location on a muter car arrived here Monof Fourteenth Street and Col. Penn Central siding until later lege Avenue to the permanent that night, when it was moved location already prepared for it. to the Chicago, Milwaukee, St.

Cooperating in this final move Paul & Pacific Railroad Hulman yards. It will be moved during the night preceding its permanent setting from the yards to the vicinity of Fourteenth Street and College Ave nue. All local railroads have cooperated in its movement and the Milwaukee Road in the preparation of its permanent road bed.

> Movement for the library's establishment began last Fall and throughout it has been a cooperative effort rather than expenditure of tax funds. The car, given by an anonymous donor, is equipped with steam heat and built-in air conditioning. Design for its conversion has been prepared by Rene Aybar, architect.

Project sponsors have been the Terre Haute Chamber of Commerce and the Vigo County Public Library.

Painters' Local Union No. 197 has offered to paint the car when it is ready for occupancy. It is one of several unions cooperating.

Donors for the project have been listed from time to time and will be given in an overall list at the time of the dedication and opening of the library.

It will contain reading material which can be used by students in preparing assignments. magazines, records, paperbacks and other material appealing to young readers. It is hoped to include record players, a film projector and other audio visual aids in the ultimate equipment of the project.

There will be two librarians in charge, who now are being trained in the VCPL, and the project will be directed by a Young People's Advisory Committee

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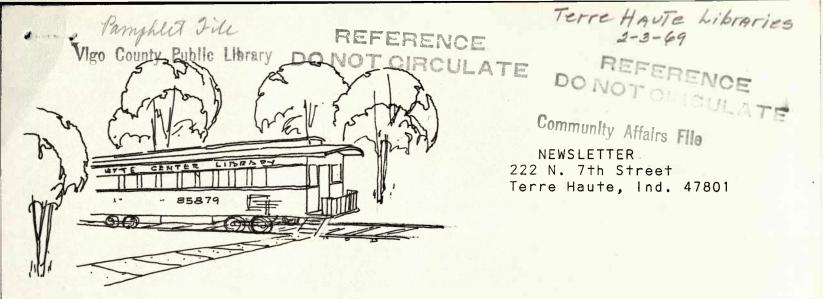
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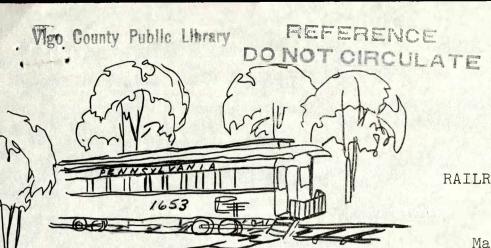
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1001 South 14th Street
Terre Haute, Indiana

May 1, 1969

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The BIG MOVE has been completed. The former Pennsylvania passenger coach no. 1653 is now permanently set on its 90 feet of rail bed at 1001 South 14th Street.

A list of the participants in the BIG MOVE on April 19 is given below. The news media publicity was incomplete since not all of the contributors were known at that time.

Bait King Bait and Tackle Shop (Louis Storms)
1313 Crawford. Provided padlocks and hasps for temporary locking of the car.

Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroad (H.S. Vierling, vice-president & general manager, Chicago Hieghts, Illinois; R.H. Spicer, superintendent, Evansville; Leslie Vaughn, yardmaster, Terre Haute) 2301 South 19th Street.

City of Terre Haute Police Department Traffic Patrol

Common Laborers Local No. 204 (Jerry Lee, president; Virgil Morris, business manager) 401 Poplar. Assisted and laid extension rails at site.

Dennis Trucking Co. (Richard and John Dennis) 1141 Lafayette Avenue. Furnished heavy equipment and expertise.

Eat-A-Teria (Gene Knauer) 2525 Wabash Avenue. Provided coffee for workers.

Haley Brothers Construction Corp. (John Haley) 2301 South 13th Street. Furnished heavy equipment and expertise.

International Union of Operating Engineers Local No. 841 (Joe Pirtle, president; Gilbert Bosworth, business agent) 301 Margaret Avenue. Operated equipment for the lifting and transferring.

Milwaukee Railroad (Guy Chamberlain, assistant superintendent; Fred Priester, assistant district manager for sales) 300 Rea Building.

Structural Iron Workers Local No. 439 (Gene Chambers, president and assistant business agent) 410 Ohio Street. Rigging and handling.

Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warenhousemen & Helpers Local No. 144 (George Hanks, president) 125 South 8th Street. Drivers for the two lowboy trucks.

The BIG MOVE was a drama, a theater-in-the-round, with the bystanders becoming emotionally involved. It was an impressive display of teamwork. Just imagine -- a lowboy truck under the railroad car at each end, one moving forward, one backing, with a huge crane steadying the car, and all moving in unison. If you missed seeing it, you really missed out.

The project is now in its final phase, and the responsibility rests primarily with these:

Central Labor Council. John Etling, president, and Ginger Higgins delegate, have alternated in attending meetings of the Young People's Advisory Committee (YPAC) for firsthand discussion with this rapidly developing group. Several labor unions ultimately will be involved in the renovation.

Smith-Alsop Paint Co. Tom Harding, manager of the store at 13th and Wabash, and Laverne Williams, interior decorator, brought color charts to the YPAC meeting on April 24. Olive and avocado were chosen for the exterior, beige with orange trim for the interior. Smith-Alsop is also furnishing replacement material for the window shades, an unexpected but appreciated offer.

Painters Local No. 197. (Otis White, president; Fritz Hampe, vice-president; John McDaniels, business agent). The union will paint the outside as soon as the surface has been wire brushed and any necessary puttying done. This preparatory work should be completed Saturday, May 10, weather permitting.

City of Terre Haute Street Department. Jim Carter, superintendent, has made space available for temporary storage of the 38 seats. All seats are being removed Saturday, May 10, and about 20 will be reinstalled after the interior work is completed. The Street Department also is providing a truck and driver to haul the seats to the storage area.

Corner Furniture Store. Sid Levin, in cooperation with Small and Schelosky Co. of Evansville, distributors for Mohawk Carpet Mills, is providing 60 square yards of Herculon tufted indoor-outdoor carpet in a cheerful, colorful combination called Sienna Bronze.

Rene Aybar. Rene Aybar, architect, and William A. Phillips, mechanical enginner with Stuart-Phillips & Associates, are handling the technical design details of renovation and drafting the working drawings.

Potter Electrical Engineering & Construction Co. Vernie Potter is checking into lighting, heating, and air conditioning needs and the availability of materials. Just who else will be cooperating in this part of the project and just what is involved is not known at this time.

Bait King Bait and Tackle Shop. Louis Storms of Bait King is a locksmith. He will install locking devices as soon as the doors have been readjusted for proper fit and any minor repairs made.

Terre Haute Concrete Supply Corp. Pat O'Leary will be putting in sidewalks and steps.

Several material contributions have been received since the last newsletter:

Prentice-Hall, Inc. (Ronald Cress, Library Division). This well-known publisher has provided 27 new hardback books especially selected for the teenager.

Scholastic Magazines, Inc. (Mrs. Wayne Fry, local representative).

The firm also publishes paperbacks and has donated 23 appealing titles.

Association of American Railroads (Douglas R. Stephenson, manager of information services). The Association shipped 3,000 booklets to be used as handouts during the Grand Opening of the Railroad Car Library: 1,500 QUIZ ON RAILROADS & RAILROADING and 1,500 RAILROAD UNLIMITED.

Scott Junior High School (Wayne Gormong, Principal). The first financial contribution was made by the student body of Scott Junior High, when a check for \$43.85 was presented for the purchase of books on sports and athletics as a memorium to Ted Sweatt, the Negro athlete from Terre Haute who was killed in action in Viet Nam.

E.T. Hazledine Co. Jack Spice, welder, installed angle iron chocks against the wheels so neither mischievous wind nor boys could move the car along its track.

ANY HANGUPS? No serious or insurmountable ones, but the items below have to be taken care of:

PADDING FOR THE CARPET. An inexpensive pad should be all that is needed since about half of the seats will be bolted in place again after the inside is renovated.

SOMEONE TO LAY THE CARPET

PLYWOOD FOR THE FOLDING STUDY TABLES. This is the first opportunity for a lumber company to participate.

CLEANING UPHOLSTERY ON ABOUT TWENTY SEATS. The present covering seems to be in fairly good condition and should last for a few years.

OFFICE EQUIPMENT. Know of a small desk, filing cabinet, or usable typewriter.

FLASH.....just as this was "going to press," Typewriter Rebuilder Sales Co. (Nick Dupies, president; Cliff Jones, vice-president) offered a typewriter for the Railroad Car Library.

RECORD PLAYER. A stereo with overhead speakers is needed. Also, a couple of tape recorders to help the young people develop their confidence and ability in speaking.

HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING. The car is equipped for steam heat, so will have to be converted to electric heating. The old under-the-car air conditioning unit is, in Vernie Potter's estimation, unusable because of age, obsolete design, repair and maintenance costs. The best solution seems to be to install a heat pump unit, fully electric, which will ciculate either hot or cold air through the ceiling ducts. This unit can be fitted into

the compartment at one end of the car formerly used to enclose the electric panel. This part of the project will be expensive but surely cost less than the BIG MOVE so we can assume that a way will be found to get the job done.

I hope that more of the project participants will be able to join me in meeting with the Young People's Advisory Committee.

These young men and women are certainly an inspiration to all who have worked with them. A copy of the list of magazines that they selected is attached so that you may see the range of their interests. These are being donated by Popular Subscription Service.

The two Neighborhood Youth Corps enrollees, Deborah Grissom and Creola Edinburgh, have proven themselves to be dependable and capable library clerks. They are enthused about their work and the potential of the Railroad Car Library. As one of them said recently, "It's just wonderful!"

Lew Taylor, the indispensable co-coordinator from the Chamber of Commerce, and I are trying to keep a pictorial record of events. In addition to our own amateur photographic efforts, Ken Martin of Martin Studios is making available to us the negatives of the shots taken on the day of the BIG MOVE, and other photographers have been most cooperative. Bob St. John, night maintenance man at Emeline Fairbanks Library, took 50 feet of 8mm color motion picture film of the BIG MOVE. WTHI-TV is lending its April 19th 16mm "Eye on the Valley" videotape to the library. This is the news program that was broadcast the evening of the BIG MOVE.

The cooperation of all individuals, organizations, unions, businesses, government agencies, and the news media is ideal. This

total community cooperation is receiving the attention of people elsewhere, even at the nationa level. For example, this is quoted from a statement by Carl Elliott, attorney, before the Subcommittee on Education of the Congressional House Committee on Education and Labor at a hearing April 16 on HR 8839, a bill to establish a National Commission on Libraries and Information Science:

"In your own state, Mr. Chairman, I am informed by Mrs. Susan Crittenden, of Terre Haute, who was a member of my staff in my early days on this Committee that Terre Haute is right now in the process of building, through entirely volunteer efforts, the first "railroad car library" for the young people in the Hyte section of the city. As I understand it, one of the railroads gave the car; another constructed the track on which it rests; a local architect did the interior design work; a paint manufacturer furnished the paint; Painters Local No. 197 applied it; the Central Labor Council is coordinating the work of several building trades unions doing renovation and remodeling on the car. The Chamber of Commerce, and nearly all other private organizations in the city are involved, as are numerous private individuals. Two members of the Neighborhood Youth Corps of the Office of Economic Opportunity are being trained to run this railroad car youth library. When they have completed their training, they will become staff members of the Vigo County Library System. According

to Mrs. Crittenden, this project has everything.

It is completely geared to youth. For instance,

it has an Advisory Committee made up of young

people between the ages of 15 and 20."

Mr. Elliott went on to give his views on library needs after citing the Railroad Car Library as an example of an "action library." Rep. John Brademas (D-Ind.) is Chairman of the Subcommittee and a sponsor of HR 8839.

Please mention to others the few remaining opportunities for participation. Contact me or any of the persons listed below if you have suggestions, questions, or offers of assistance.

Sincerely,

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P.S. This newsletter will be out-of-date before it gets printed. Ginger Higgins just phoned in the lastest information. She had even been down to the railroad car spraying the seat bolts with pentrating oil to facilitate removal!

Vigo County Federation of Teachers (Glenden Campbell, president).

Dan Tucker is heading a number of teachers, both men and women, who

will be working on the car Saturday, May 10, starting approximately 10:00 a.m. removing the seats and preparing the surface for painting. Dan and Ralph Courtney are going to make a test run on seat removal the afternoon of the 3rd. Would you believe six bolts and four kingsized screws to each seat?

Harrah Plumbing & Heating Service Co. Bob Harrah has offered his services for plumbing renovation. He is checking to see what needs to be done and will coordinate the water hookup. Bob also will provide tools, truck, and other equipment for union members who will be doing the repair work.

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Art News

Better Homes and Gardens

Boys' Life

Bride's Magazine

Cosmopolitan

Ebony

Glamour

Good Housekeeping

Jet

Life

Look

McCall's Magazine

Reader's Digest

Screen Stories

Seventeen

Sport

Sporting News

Sports Illustrated

Tan

Time